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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MILITARY JUDGE RELEASES 45 OF 93 ELN URBAN NET SUSPECT

USCINCSO FOR POLAD & J-2

REF: BOGOTA'S A-396 OF NOVEMBER 16, 1972

1. ON MARCH 24 THE COMMANDER OF THE FIFTEH BRIGADE AND SOLE JUDGE IN  
THE TRIAL OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN) URBAN NET,  
GENERAL RAMON ARTURO RINCON QUINONEZ ORDERED THE RELEASE OF  
45 OF THE 93 ALLEGED MEMBERS ELN URBAN NET STILL BEING DETAINED:

2. THE PROVISIONAL RELEASE OF SUSPECTED ELN MEMBERS, SOME OF WHOM  
HAVE BEEN IN JAIL SINCE JULY, RESULTED FROM A DECISION BY THE SU-  
PERIOR MILITARY TRIBUNAL THAT THE CHARGE AGAINST THEM WAS REBELLION.  
IN LIGHT OF THIS DECISION GENERAL RINCON ORDERED THE RELEASE OF THE  
45, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 532 OF THE PENAL CODE, AS THEY HAD  
ALREADY COMPLETED THE MINIMUM SENTENCE FOR REBELLION IN PRE-  
TRIAL DETENTION.

3. THE 48 OTHER SUSPECTS STILL BEING DETAINED ARE TO BE TRIED BY  
CORTS MARTIAL NEXT MONTH IN BUCARAMANGA.

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4. COMMENT: WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTICEABLE PUBLIC REACTION OR  
EDITORIAL COMMENT YET ON THE RELEASES, THEY MAY, WHEN TAKEN  
TOGETHER  
WITH EARLIER RELEASES AND THE CONTINUED POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELN UR-  
BAN GUERRILLA TRIAL, UNDERMINE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE MILITARY' S  
CASE AGAINST THE ELN URBAN GUERRILLA NET. THE ARMY IS  
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